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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Williams et al.

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL FORM

Transmitted herewith is a Response to Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 to the Office Action mailed June 5, 2002 in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$110.00 to extend the time for filing this response until August 5, 2002.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	22	Minus	22	0	x \$18.00	\$
Independent Claims	2	Minus	2	0	x \$84.00	\$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE				x \$280.00 = \$		
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES				\$0.00		

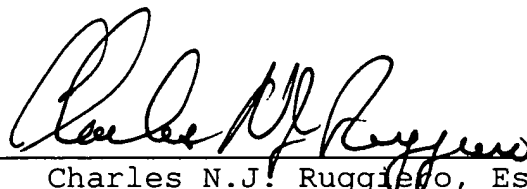
The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$ 110.00.

X A check in the amount of \$ 110.00 is attached.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

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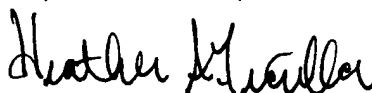
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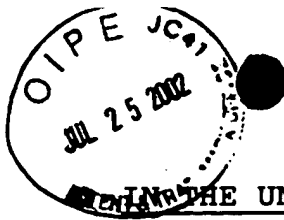
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. 121

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed on June 5, 2002 for which the period of time has been extended to August 5, 2002, for the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 45 through 66 are pending in the application. The Office Action has stated that a restriction to the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. §121:

I. Claims 45-48 drawn to a process of extruding a tampon applicator; and

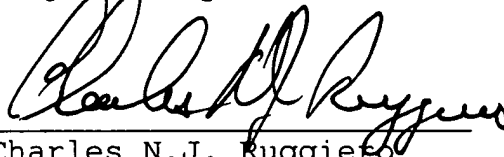
II. Claims 49-66 drawn to a polymeric composition.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement because the claims of group I are directed to a process of making a tampon applicator with the composition recited in the claims of group II. It is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of this application can be made without serious burden on the Office.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, to comply fully with the restriction requirement, Applicants elect with traverse to prosecute the claims of group II, namely claims 49-66 drawn to a polymeric composition.

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Respectfully submitted,



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